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COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated May 10, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Perungavoor for allowing claims 14-27 in the above-referenced patent application. Applicant recognizes the statements on page 2 of the Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance. However, Applicant cannot acknowledge these statements for the purposes of prosecution history estoppel, as they do not correspond to the recitations of the claims word-for-word. For example, "extraction

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block" is not recited in the claims. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that each dependent claim is allowable for at least the additionally recited features therein. In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that a combination of features less than the entire claims may define patentable subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the scope of the allowed claims should not be limited by the Examiner's statements.

Respectfully submitted,
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